COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the *26th of January 1934.*
13th of Makaram 1109.

The House met at half past eleven of the clock with the President in the chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Questions and Answers.

121. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 634, dated 31st March 1933 and question No. 436, dated 11th August 1933

(a) whether the information required has been collected; and if so,

(b) whether it will be printed and placed on the Council Table ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the required information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Defalcations—statement of.

122. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of departments in which defalcations were detected in the years 1108 and 1109, the names of those who were concerned in the defalcations and the amounts involved in each case and the action taken by Government in each case ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Please see the statement below.

List of defalcations detected in 1108 and 1109.

Serial No.	Name of the department	The names of those concerned	Amount involved Rs. A. P.	Action taken by Government
1	Anchal	Anchal-master, Mannuthi	1—13—6	Amount made good by the Anchal-master
2	Maharaja's College, Ernakulam	..	..	The matter is under enquiry

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the names of those connected with this defalcation. It is not given here.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not know. It is practically impossible to say who are responsible because the matter is under enquiry. Two suspected names I can give.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was it found out? When did it take place?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has been going on for at least two years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was it brought to your notice?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—About three months ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—During these three months were they not able to know who were connected with this defalcation?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is very hard to say. But I can give the names of the suspected persons if the guilt is proved.

Compassionate gratuity—applications for.

123. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications have been received so far for grants from the widows' fund, notified in the Government Gazette in Chingam 1108;

(b) the names of such applicants with the dates of their applications;

(c) the names of those to whom payment has already been made;

(d) the names of those to whom payment has been refused; and the reasons for the refusal in each case;

(e) the names of those whose cases are still pending with the Government; and the reasons for the delay in each case?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) 700 applications.

(b) The list is placed on the Council Table.

(c) No payment to any has been made yet.

(d) The question of refusal has not yet arisen. It will arise only when the request is found inadmissible while disposing of each of the applications so far received.

(e) All applications are pending disposal. A forecast of the probable expenditure for payment to all the applicants was made with a view to ascertaining the financial commitment involved and each claim is now being scrutinised more accurately. The question of additional hands proposed for the quick disposal of the matter is pending consideration. The main reasons for the delay is the large number of applications and the time required for a preliminary check.

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